

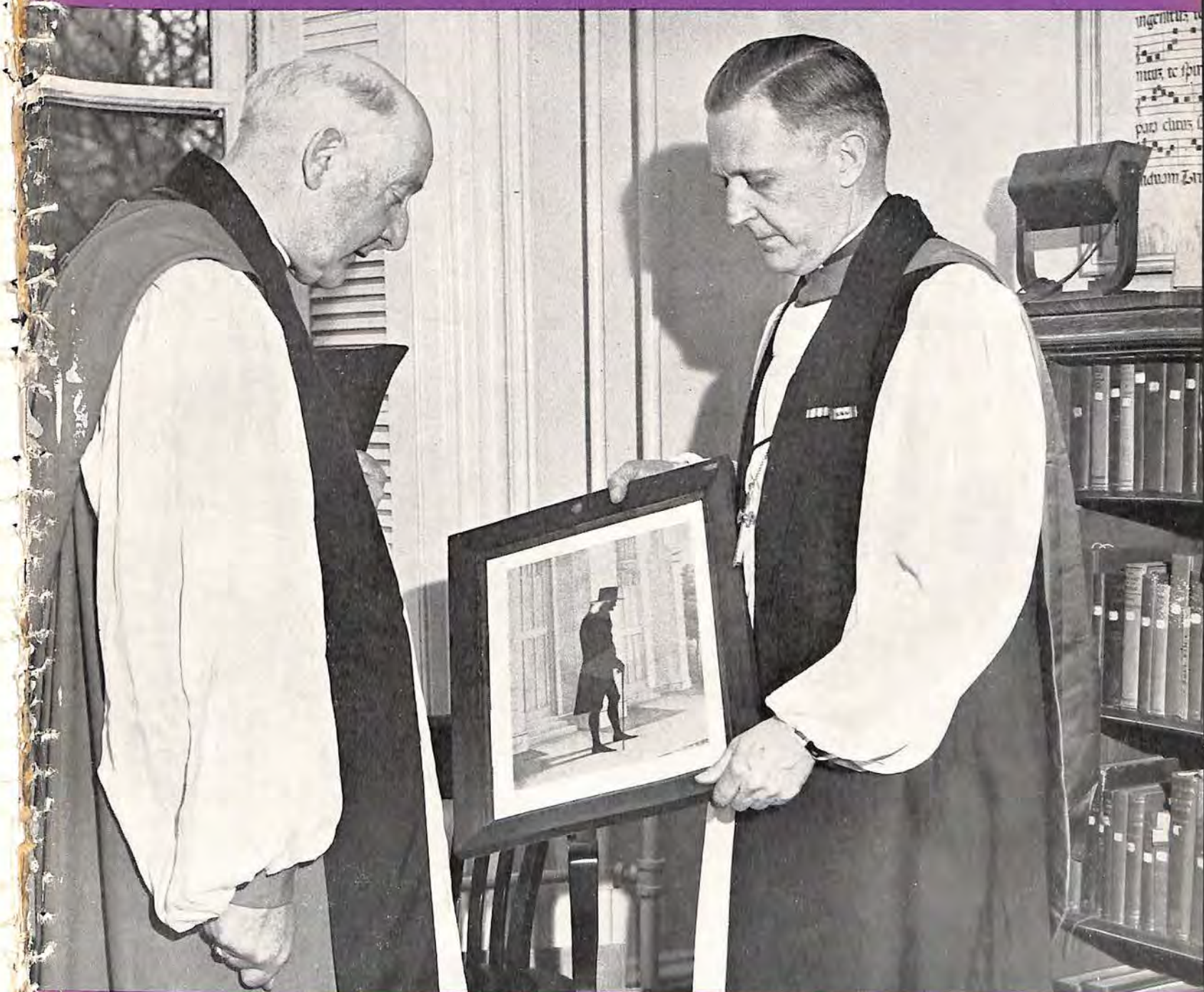
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The Church News

OBJECT 1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.

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160th Annual Diocesan Convention

The 160th annual Diocesan Convention, which met in the Church of the Holy Trinity on Monday and Tuesday, May 1st and 2nd, was noteworthy chiefly as Bishop Hart's first convention. His stirring address, delivered at the mass meeting on Monday night to a congregation that filled both the nave and galleries, is reviewed elsewhere in this issue and is required reading for all who wish to go forward in what promises to be a most constructive era in our diocesan history.

The Convention assembled at five o'clock in the afternoon, opening with prayer, followed by the usual routine of nominations, introduction of resolutions to be referred to committees, and election of those officers who were unopposed. There seldom has been a convention with so few contests. Doubtless one of the reasons why this Convention was the shortest on record—it adjourned at 3:40 P. M. on Tuesday—was that the elections took a very small proportion of the time of the deputies.

The principal event before supper was an address by Rev. J. Jarden Guenther on "Forward in Service," a most earnest and solemn appeal for a reinvigorating of the life of the Church. Mr. Guenther said that the purpose of this movement was "to revive the zeal of every member of the Church for the spread of Christ's Kingdom by personal work." Next year the Commission hopes to be able to get many of our people to study the matter of racial relationships, a most timely subject in view of the misunderstandings that have arisen wherever loyal Japanese Americans have been given work in the East, and wherever Negroes and whites have been thrown together anywhere.

Evidently this tenseness between the races was much in the minds of the deputies. Mr. Guenther

closed with a suggestion that next Lent our parishes study the Christian doctrine of God and the Incarnation, for "only in a right conception of God and the Incarnation is there any hope for a world order that is Christian." It was a good and forceful speech.

St. Mary's Deputies

The Tuesday session opened with a celebration of the Holy Com-

munion at 9 o'clock, followed by balloting for members of the Executive Council and such other offices as were not filled on Monday evening. Events went on slowly and very quietly until a sudden flare-up startled the deputies when the Committee on Claims of Laity to Seats recommended that the deputies from St. Mary's Church, Broad and South Streets, be refused a place in the Convention. Dr. Hartshorne arose and proposed as a substitute that they be seated, but with the proviso that their admission be not construed as a judgment of the Convention on the controversy, now first revealed, between St. Mary's vestry and the Cathedral Chapter over the control of a legacy of \$100,000.00 left by Mrs. Henry Watson.

This touched off the explosion, for Canon Niblo of the Cathedral in a spirited speech, with deep feeling, protested against what he called a "rump" vestry, revived after being dead several years, apparently for the sole purpose of getting control of this fund, when it legally and morally belonged to the Cathedral Chapter. His contention was vigorously denied by both Mr. Miller, lay reader at St. Mary's, and the Rev. Thomas E. della Cioppa, who is now in charge of the combined work of the Italian and American congregations worshipping there. For a while the word "liar" was thrown around rather freely, but, owing to the intervention of that blessed word "if," it failed to light on anyone's head. In the end the Convention overwhelmingly refused to seat the delegation from St. Mary's, thereby sustaining the claims of the Cathedral Chapter.

War Commission

The Convention was fortunate in having Colonel Lewis B. Cuyler of

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The Elections

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

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Attend a Summer Conference

—Department of Christian Education—

Summer Conferences

Many young people and adults have had their Christian life enriched, learned a great deal and had fun at a Summer Conference. Why don't you plan to attend a conference this summer?

There are many types of conferences to choose from. We will talk about four in this article.

The Summer Conference of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be held this year from Monday, July 3rd, to Saturday, July 8th, at Beaver College, Jenkintown, Pa. The conference is planned for all ages 15 years and over, and will prove a real inspiration to all who attend, as will be attested by anyone who attended last year. The Chaplain of the Conference will be the Rev. Edmund B. Wood and the Dean, the Rev. Peter C. Van der Hiel, Jr. Heading the list of our able faculty is Bishop Hart, who will be the lecturer in the New Testament course. The Rev. Leicester C. Lewis will be the lecturer in a course for those over 20 years, the subject being "Creative Crises in Church History." We are fortunate to have two National Youth leaders on the faculty. Mrs. Helen G. Hogue, new Executive Secretary of the Girls' Friendly Society, will teach a course for young people on Personal Development. The Rev. Frederick H. Arterton, Executive Secretary of the Youth Division of the National Council, will have a course for youth leaders and advisers on Youth Group Leadership. Members and leaders of choirs and others interested in Church music can take a course under the leadership of Mr. Randolph Smith, Mus.B. Other courses and their leaders you will find listed in the printed program.

Our new quarters last year at Beaver College proved a delightful spot with every facility for our comfort and convenience. In spite of the rationing the food was good and the surroundings attractive and comfortable. The chapel was adequate to our needs and the recreational facilities gave us lots of pleasure, especially the indoor swimming pool. The whole conference, faculty and students, really had fun and also worked, and it was all done

while we lived together as Christian friends. And this year promises to be even better. The rates are: Board and tuition, \$17.00.

There are also two Provincial Conferences.

The Conference for Colored Workers of the Third Province will be held at Saint Paul's School in Lawrenceville, Virginia, from Monday, July 17th, through Friday, July 21st. This conference is for clergy and laity, young people and adults. It offers the usual summer conference courses with a fine faculty to teach them.

Then, there is the *Advanced Conference of the Province of Washington* to be held at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va., from Monday, June 19th, to Friday, June 30th. This conference, for white church leaders, does advanced work and is recommended for those who have or who are planning to take positions of leadership in Parish and Diocese. The faculty are all leaders in their fields and will give you much out of their store of rich treasure. It will include Bishop Hart, Bishop Dun, Bishop Sterrett, the Rev. Messrs. F. W. Blatz, Brown-Serman, Reuel L. Howe, D. A. McGregor, Felix Kloman, the Misses

Marion J. Benedict, Katherine Grammer, Florence L. Newbold, Mrs. E. W. Fortiner, Mrs. L. R. Harris, Mrs. John E. Hill and Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman.

The Valley Forge Conference, sponsored by the American Church Union, will be held at Valley Forge Military Academy, Valley Forge, Pa., from Sunday, June 25th, to Saturday, July 1st.

Detailed programs about any of these conferences may be obtained at the Church House.

Attend a Summer Conference. Learn the things which will help you to help yourself and others. And, remember, you have fun and make new friends.

Vacation Church Schools

The Committee on Vacation Church Schools has received reports of forty schools to be held in the Diocese this summer. These churches are utilizing a valuable means of Christian education. They will welcome visitors to their schools. A list of the places and dates will be available in the office of the Department of Christian Education at the Church House.

1944 Lenten Offering

The amount of the Lenten Offering at the time of the Presentation Service was \$46,744.00, an increase of \$6,749.00 over the amount received at the same time last year.



DIOCESAN SUMMER CONFERENCE

Students and faculty of the 1943 Diocesan Summer Conference on the campus of Beaver College, Jenkintown, where the Conference is held.

Bishop Hart's Address: Convention, May 1st, 1944

A Review

After the Bishop entered the pulpit to deliver his annual address to the Convention the congregation remained standing while he remembered before God in prayer the "faithful souls who have blessed the world, feared God, bravely upheld the right, and generously lived for others' good, of bishops of the Church, of priests of this Diocese, of lay deputies to the last convention and of lay deputies to former conventions," ending with a warm tribute to Bishop Taitt and a solemn pledge to be faithful to the trust committed to him by Bishop Taitt. The rest of the address was not read but delivered extemporaneously directly and personally to the Convention.

Endowment

Following his tribute to Bishop Taitt the Bishop spoke of what had been very near to the old Bishop's heart, the Endowment of the Episcopate, and said that he had enlarged the committee with the hope that they would keep the members of the Diocese informed about the fund and add to the number of benefactors.

Proportionate Share

Being so much interested in missions the Bishop at this first opportunity naturally turned to that subject, declaring emphatically his own conviction that it was his duty to put the Diocese in the forefront in missionary giving, and appealing to the clergy and laity to make the Gospel live in their own lives. He expressed great hopes that the coming of Bishop Roberts of Shanghai in September to assist him for a year would contribute measurably to this end, for not only will Bishop Roberts assist in confirmations, but he will be available to address men's clubs, woman's auxiliaries and other parish groups on the mission of the Church.

In this connection he praised the Diocese for the splendid response made by the parishes in accepting our Proportionate Share for the Missionary Work of the Church. "You have," said he, "strengthened the morale of the whole Church by

accepting your full proportionate share of \$150,000.00. Many congregations have voluntarily and gladly given up things in their own parishes to pay or overpay their proportionate share."

Juveniles

The item that appealed most to the newspapers was a brief reference at this point to juvenile delinquency and our duty to the children in our midst. The Bishop feels very much concerned about the increase in crime among young people and, what is contemporaneous with that increase, namely a decrease of 18% in our Sunday School enrollment during 1939-42, which Rev. Wesley Twelves reported. He urged the redoubling of our efforts to reach the children, to give them religious training and to provide them with a place for wholesome recreation, for, he added, "If I had to choose between a closed parish house which gives the young people the impression that the Church doesn't care about them and an open parish house with a well supervised program—even if it means dancing on Sunday night—I would choose the latter." We must overcome the idea that the Church buildings are only for the use of our own young people: they should be put at the service of the entire community.

Locations

With a great deal of feeling he discussed the need for strategic sites for new churches and for common-sense as well as sentiment in locating new work and in consolidating old parishes, quoting an article by Spencer Ervin, printed elsewhere in this issue. We need in addition to buildings, and even more than buildings "the unselfish labor and hard thinking of the ablest men and women in the Diocese, men and women who are not afraid to move forward boldly for Christ and His Kingdom, even though it involves drastic changes in our present methods."

War Commission

Although he left the report of the

War Commission for the next day's session, the Bishop spoke briefly of the responsibility of the parishes to the men in the service, of the splendid work being done by St. Stephen's Club, and of the service that the nearby clergy, Messrs. Lanigan, Van der Hiel and Paynter are rendering in the veterans' hospitals at Valley Forge and Coatesville. He pleaded for more generous financial support of the War Commission and for more study by the parishes of ways to help the returning soldiers. Again he urged that there should be no let-down in the Church's support of the Army and Navy Commission in its far-flung work throughout the world.

Other Matters

Turning to the Diocese again the Bishop praised highly the ever-faithful Woman's Auxiliary, and explained the way in which the Jefferies Fund had been used to augment the pensions of 11 clergymen during the past year.

New World Order

His references to current events were naturally listened to with the closest attention. Very earnestly he appealed to all our people to give thought to the problems of returning soldiers and to the study of a new world-order.

Divinity School

The training of men for the ministry is one of the most vital problems facing the Church today and at the same time one of the most difficult. Obviously the training of men who have been in the armed forces will present a special problem. To try to fit them into our peace-time training would be disastrous both to them and the Divinity School. It seems to me that we move very slowly indeed in meeting these problems but I am encouraged by the widespread interest in the school.

Conclusion

The Bishop closed with a few words about the importance of the Convention. It was met, he said, to

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THE FEMALE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL PRAYER BOOK AND HYMNAL SOCIETY

The work of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book and Hymnal Society has for many years been of a strictly missionary character, and not one to stir greatly the imagination of its members. Now the tempo has changed with the war. The work has broadened, and no representative who attends a meeting can escape a feeling of joy and satisfaction in filling the requests that come pouring in from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from Maine to Cuba. But that understates the distribution, for many ships leaving our shores carry allotments of these treasured books.

One of the most recent requests came from a Chaplain who asked for Chancel-size Prayer Books to give Captains of transport vessels, so that they might hold services for their men on Sunday.

The Society's largest contribution goes to the Army and Navy Commission of the Church. Here are

some of the places where our men and women in the Armed Forces are certain to find Prayer Books and Hymnals, stamped with the name of the Society: Naval Air Station, Adak, Alaska; Camp Polk, Louisiana; Fort McClellan, Alabama; Naval Training Station, Spokane, and the U. S. Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida.

Two interesting requests of a different nature have come in recently. Mr. Collins, in charge of City Missions, has asked for Prayer Books in Braille. The Red Cross is supplying these at cost of material, and a down-town parish has given a hundred dollars toward a fund for Prayer Books for the blind. Fr. Biagini has asked for and received Prayer Books in Italian, as many of his older parishioners cannot read in English.

This Society is happy to be able to function in these larger fields, and welcomes the interest and support of every member of the Diocese.

Huntingdon Valley Chapel

Huntingdon Valley Chapel is the successor of the old Fairview Methodist Church, organized in 1848 to serve the farmers and paper mill workers in the vicinity of Washington Lane and Welsh Road, between Bethayres and Willow Grove. In 1872 the Methodists discontinued



their services and the church was closed until 1919.

In 1919 Edward E. Marshall bought the property from the Methodist Conference and turned it over to the Right Reverend P. M. Rhinelander, Bishop of the Episcopal Dio-

cese of Pennsylvania. Under Bishop Rhinelander's direction worship was begun again on the last Sunday in March, 1919, and since then regular services have been conducted every Sunday. In 1919 the name was changed to "Huntingdon Valley Chapel." As soon as the Bishop accepted the building he appointed as Vicar, the Rev. John W. Walker, the Headmaster of the Meadowbrook School. In 1928, under the direction of John P. B. Sinkler, architect, the interior of the building was restored as nearly as possible to its original appearance and an addition was built on the east side to house the organ and classrooms.

A Trust Fund, in hands of a trust company, was established for the permanent care of the churchyard cemetery. Into this fund go all the proceeds of lot sales. As far as possible the records of old-time burials are recorded.

Each Sunday there are three regular services, at 7:30, 9:30, and 11:00 A. M. Religious instruction for

children is given each Saturday between 9:30 and 11:30 A. M., with a service for children at the close. The Woman's Guild, under the leadership of Mrs. Andrew V. Brown, is very active in local and diocesan work. The officers of the Chapel are appointed each year by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, upon nomination by the congregation. They are at present: Wharton Sinkler, Warden; John R. Stewart, Junior Warden; Andrew V. Brown, Treasurer; A. Basil Lyons, Clerk.

Fifty-six members of the congregation are serving with the Armed Forces.

This spring, 1944, the chapel will keep its 97th anniversary of founding, and its 25th anniversary since reopening.

NEW WORK AT RICHARD ALLEN HOMES

The new work started the 6th of February for colored Episcopalians and the unchurched in the Richard Allen Homes had its first baptisms on Easter Eve (eight on the 8th). The service was conducted by Rev. Louis W. Johnson, assisted by Rev. Delber W. Clark, Chaplain of the Christian Settlement House, and of St. Martin's Chapel. Miss Elinor Lutes, founder of The Settlement House, served as one of the sponsors. Church School is held in the Chapel every Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

"AS THE TWIG IS BENT"

A 10-minute sound motion picture, produced by the Aetna Life Affiliated Companies, Hartford, Connecticut, is available for use in Philadelphia with adult groups, as an aid in curbing juvenile delinquency.

This film is specifically directed to parents and carries the warning that boys and girls have even greater need for parental guidance today than when times are normal. Its presentation is positive throughout.

After describing the dangers that lie in the path of the youth of today, the film dramatizes a practical 10-point program for the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the development of happy, useful citizens.

It is recommended for use at club meetings of men or women, church groups, PTA meetings, and other bodies interested in the welfare of youth. It is suggested that a short address concerning crime prevention be made in conjunction with the showing of this film.

Representatives of the Crime Prevention Units, Council of Social Agencies, the public schools, and the church, have seen it and approve it.

This film may be secured free of charge by applying to Mr. Thomas A. Meryweather, Executive Director of the Crime Prevention Association, 1117 Pine Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Groups desiring to use the film must arrange to secure the necessary projector and operator.

The Art of Living

By THE REV. PHILIP J. STEINMETZ, S.T.D.
Rector, St. Paul's Church, Elkins Park, Pa.

(Continued from April issue.)

Well, if life has its business side, its recreational side, its menacing and threatening side, but if these be but sides of life, aspects and phases of life, but not life itself, what should be our philosophy? I believe that at its best life is and ever will be an ART. We are supposed to be artists; to take the raw stuff of life and make of it something beautiful, in fact, a masterpiece. Let us not be discouraged by the word "masterpiece." We think of this as something produced by the rare and most gifted artist. In the guilds of the middle ages a man was an apprentice until he could prove by actual demonstration that he could do a bit of work as it should be done by a "Master" of his trade. He was then a master-workman. With training and experience and application this was within the reach of many. With this philosophy, that life is an art, I believe that many indeed will find that the result will be a far finer product and that life will provide a joy and satisfaction to be had in no other way.

Naturally, we wish to know what is required by such a philosophy. First of all,—a sense of humor. Not primarily the ability to see the point of a joke or of a story. That is average intelligence,—for the average joke! This is wholesome and should be developed in all of us. We should start early in the day with something that appeals to us as funny; something to make most of the lines of our face horizontal. How people get through the events and endure the pressure of a busy day without this I do not see. But I mean specifically and basically the ability to see how funny conceited people are. They do not think so; but the fact is they are. There are people who are conceited because their great-great someone or other used to trap muskrats where city hall now stands. They act as though they thought they were entitled to consideration, to respect, to preference, solely because they bear a certain family name. Pride of ancestry to them means conceit because they had certain ancestors. BUT, the honor belongs to the ancestors, not to us; unless we prove that we are worthy descendants, that we have in

our way and in our day done something worthy of our inheritance. The only thing we can do about this is to endeavor to give to our descendants as worthy an ancestor as we can make of ourselves.

Then there are those who are conceited because they have more brilliant minds, more retentive memories than others. These are gifts. The question is how do we use them; with what purpose and to what end. They say that is why the Scotch are so eloquent; it is a gift!

And then there are those who are conceited because they have more wealth than others. The purse proud. The government is doing its best to reduce this number. If the process is continued long enough, this type may disappear altogether; that will dispose of that kind of conceit. In the meantime, there is one way for the artist in living: to recognize the humor of the situation, to see how funny conceited people are and to laugh them out of it,—at a safe distance!

With this sense of humor as a basis, we shall have a sense of perspective and of proportion. Conceit is the result of looking down on others; the cure lies in looking up at those who are brighter, more industrious, more humble; especially in looking up to those who have done more with what God gave them to use than we have done with what God gave us to use. Then conceit vanishes. When we consider how much there is to know and compare what we know; when we consider how much there is to do and compare with that what we have done,—how can we be conceited? We must get a sense of perspective which will enable us to see things as they are, not as wishful thinking and conceit imagine that they are.

Secondly, we need a sense of values. All artists deal with these. And they are many. First, Purity; which is not innocence. We live in a world where there is dirt. We did not make the world and we did not make the dirt. But we can refrain from entertaining it; we need not make it feel at home in our minds and hearts. When we pray each day for purity of heart, as we should if we have the artist's aspiration, this means that we ask God to

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Bishop Hart receiving the United Thank Offering of the Women of the Diocese, \$14,591 to date, at the 40th annual service held in St. James's Church, 22nd and Walnut Streets. Rev. Charles F. Ehly, Rector, Trinity Church, Buckingham, preached the sermon. Left to right: Bishop Hart, Mrs. A. Disston Rile, Chairman of the Offering, and Mrs. Francis R. Packard, President of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Churches Celebrate Anniversaries

GOOD SHEPHERD, ROSEMONT

On the second Sunday after Easter, Good Shepherd Day, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, Pa., celebrated the 75th anniversary of its organization and the 50th anniversary of the first service in the present stone fourteenth century English village church. Organized in 1869 on the Main Line of Philadelphia suburbs, the parish had several definite objectives: the creation of a free-pew church and the frequent celebration of the Eucharist, weekly at least. From its inception Eucharistic vestments have been worn and a norm of Catholic ceremonial used. A fervent missionary spirit has characterized the parish from its start and three strong parishes owe their beginnings to foundations laid by clergy of the Rosemont parish: St. Martin's Church, Radnor; St. Martin's Chapel, Ithan; and the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, Pa. In addition the parish has had a missionary priest in the overseas work of the Church for some thirty years and its present representative is the Rev. Leopold Damrosch, of the Philippine staff. The Rev. Edmund Lee Souder served as the representative for twenty-five years in China. Not unmindful of its home obligations the parish organized the first hospital and boys' home on the Main Line as well as a public library. At the solemn mass of thanksgiving on the anniversary the third Rector of the parish, the Rev. Charles Townsend, D.D., of St. Stephen's Church, Providence, R. I., preached. On the Tuesday following at a parish dinner, which crowded the spacious parish hall, the Rev. Canon Thomas A. Sparks, S.T.D., of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, and the fourth Rector of the parish, was the speaker. As a thank offering and in honor of the one hundred and thirty men and women of the parish in the Armed Forces over six thousand dollars were given by parishioners in War Bonds toward the endowment fund.

REDEEMER'S TWENTIETH

The Church of the Redeemer, Springfield, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its beginning with a series of special events, beginning with a social evening for the entire congregation on Friday evening, May 26th.

The first service of the Episcopal Church in Springfield was held on May 24, 1924, by the Rev. William C. Kilpatrick, then Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Morton.

Special services in observance of the anniversary have been arranged by the Rev. Samuel N. Baxter, Jr., the present Vicar, for May 28th and June 4th. On May 28th, at 11 A. M., the Rev. George R. Bishop, Vicar of the Church of the Redeemer for 16 years, will preach the anniversary sermon. On the evening of the same day, at 8 P. M., a special anniversary service will be held, with the sermon by the Rt. Rev. Lloyd R. Craighill, D.D., Bishop of Anking.

On Trinity Sunday, June 4th, the 15th anniversary of the building of the church will be observed. On this occasion the preacher will be the Rev. William C. Kilpatrick, founder of the Church of the Redeemer.

All former members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend and take part in these anniversary events.

EDDINGTON CENTENNIAL

That the period of the eighteen forties was one of great expansion in the United States was generally known, but not until so many parishes began to celebrate their centennial did most people realize that at the same time the Diocese of Pennsylvania was experiencing a remarkable growth. One of these, Christ Church, Eddington, was built and consecrated on March 7, 1844, by Bishop Onderdonk, a chapel of All Saints, Torresdale.

On April 30th Bishop Hart preached the anniversary sermon and confirmed a class presented by the Rector, Rev. Arthur F. Gibson. The whole village united in celebrating the event and a number of our clergy were present to congratulate the Rector and people.

ATONEMENT, MORTON

The Church of the Atonement, Morton, was founded on May 4, 1879, and chartered on June 10th of the same year. In observance of this 65th anniversary, a number of special services are being held.

The first of these was held on April 30th at 8 P. M., when the Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather, a former Rector of the church, preached. This service celebrated the first service of the church, held in the home of Miss Susan Pearce on the first Sunday in May, 1879.

To observe the 65th anniversary of the chartering of the church on June 10th, and the 63rd anniversary of the building of the church on June 24th, the following services have been arranged by the present rector, the Rev. Samuel N. Baxter, Jr.

June 4th—4:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by the Rev. William C. Kilpatrick, Rector from 1923 to 1926. This service will be followed by supper in the Parish House and a social evening for all members and friends of the church.

On June 11th at 8 P. M., the Very Rev. Allen Evans, Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School and Rector of the Church of the Atonement from 1921 to 1923, will preach.

There will also be special services at 8 P. M. on June 18th and June 25th and it is hoped that the Rev. Robert Bell, Rector from 1903 to 1909 and the oldest surviving Rector of the Church of the Atonement, will be able to attend one of these services.

ST. BARNABAS TO OBSERVE TRIPLE ANNIVERSARY

St. Barnabas Church, Germantown, will observe the 40th anniversary of its existence, and the 37th anniversary of the Rector, the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, on St. Barnabas Day, June 11th and 12th.

Bishop Hart will preach the sermon on Monday evening, June 12th, at 8 o'clock.

There will be a dinner for Bishop and Mrs. Hart, the clergy and their wives at 5.30 P. M. on June 12th, followed by evening service at 8 o'clock when the Bishop will preach.

The feature of the triple anniversary will be the raising of a thousand dollars by the members for the support and maintenance of the church.

THE ART OF LIVING

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give us a heart and mind like the spring in the woods.

And then there is the value of honesty. This is not a policy, but a principle. The man who is honest because he thinks that in the long run it pays best would be a crook if he had the same conviction regarding dishonesty. Honesty is a value because God is honest and nature is honest, dependable, reliable.

Again, there is the value of Time. Every language I have ever encountered has the devilish phrase: "killing time." Never think it; never use it; oppose its use wherever and whenever you can. God's priceless gift, the same to all, rich and poor, high and low, learned and illiterate, —Time.

Years ago I saw Sir Henry Irving in the play "Dante." One scene represented the study of Cardinal Calonna, who was dying. Something is said which directs your attention to a tall clock at one end of the stage. You see that the pendulum is a scythe in the hands of Father Time, and as the pendulum swings and the clock ticks, Father Time is reaping the few remaining seconds of the dying Cardinal's life. Every second is like that; they do not return. So the motto for the artist is "Carpe Diem," meaning of course "seize the day," and not, as the school boy translated it: "Snatch the dime!"

Worship, as a value in the Art of Living. This is the supreme value. There is one prayer in addition to our Lord's Prayer which we should use constantly: "O God, reveal to me Thy will, and give me grace to accomplish as far as is possible for me, Thy divine purpose."

Finally, there is the need for technique. This is simply saying or doing the right thing in the right way at the right time. But we can do the right thing in the right way at the wrong time; the wrong thing in the right way at the right time; the wrong thing in the wrong way at the right time; the right thing in the wrong way at the right time; the wrong thing in the wrong way at the wrong time! And there may be other combinations! A young man looks at a young woman and says: "My dear, when I gaze into your face, time ceases!" Romantic, and not unwelcome? But suppose with the same thought he says: "My dear, your face would stop a clock!" Same idea? Yes, but "bum" technique!



Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a week of festivities—April 23rd to April 30th. During the Centennial Year they are endeavoring to raise \$4000. The Rev. Henry E. Kaufmann is Rector.

Let us accept the philosophy of "The Art of Living." Let us follow the Greatest Artist of all time, our Lord and Master, who took the raw stuff of life and with the touch of divine artistry made a Masterpiece, copies of which we are expected to make, copies of which we are to BE. Then no one will every say: "By the time a man learns how to live it is time to die; by the time a man knows how to get the most out of life, the most of life is over." We shall all be able to say "Early in life and all along the way my primary interest, my highest ambition is to learn and to practice 'The Art of Living'."

INVASION PRAYER

For Those in the Armed Forces

O Almighty Lord God, who neither slumberest nor sleepest; sustain, we beseech Thee, all those who at home or abroad, by land, by sea or in the air are serving their country, especially (.....). We commend further to thy care at this time all engaged in the Great Invasion, that being armed with Thy defense they may be preserved evermore in all perils; and being filled with wisdom and girded with strength, may do their duty to thy honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

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May 9, 1944.

Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, S.T.D.,
202 South 19th St., Phila., Pa.

My dear Bishop:

I am glad to convey to you the following action of your National Council, taken at its meeting April 25th-27th:

RESOLVED: That the National Council, through the Treasurer, express to all Dioceses which have accepted their quotas in full for 1944 sincere appreciation for the great help they have given in making possible the present advance in the Church's program.

Faithfully yours,

LEWIS B. FRANKLIN,
Treasurer.

"The Forward Movement" has published a pamphlet, "A Call to Prayer," a service of devotion, to be used during the invasion period. Copies may be secured by individuals or parishes in quantity from the War Commission office, Church House.

DIOCESAN BLOOD DONOR COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted at the recent Diocesan Convention:

"Whereas, Invasion is only a matter of 'how soon' and more and more Blood Plasma will be needed for the wounded of our armed forces, and

"Whereas, Bishop Hart appointed a Blood Donor Committee for the parishes and missions of Philadelphia County last June, and

"Whereas, This Committee has met with some success in recruiting Blood Donors; therefore be it

"Resolved, That all the parishes and missions in the Diocese be urged to co-operate in recruiting Blood Donors and that a donor be sought for every service star in the Church's service flag."

Thirty-nine parishes and missions in Philadelphia County have had a Blood Donor Sunday during the past year with commendable success. A special plea from the pulpit for blood donors and volunteers from the Red Cross were posted at the exits of the church to take the pledges for gifts of blood.

Necessary material, a small poster, etc., will be supplied by Miss Starr, Pennypacker 3969, Blood Donor Service, 1424 Walnut Street.

It is the duty, as well as the privilege, of all stay-at-home civilians to do our bit to bring home our men, wearing a Purple Heart, rather than leaving them on foreign soil, under a white cross, because we failed them. For every pint of blood we fail to take, an American soldier's life is lost.

THE DIOCESAN BLOOD DONOR COMMITTEE

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TWO DIOCESAN CONFERENCES

The Forward in Service Commission has arranged two conferences to be held in June. On Wednesday the 7th, the Annual Clergy Conference will be held at The Episcopal Academy. The Bishop will speak and the Plan of Action for 1944-1945 will be presented by The Rev. C. Avery Mason. In the afternoon details of the Plan will be explained and there will be time for discussions and questions.

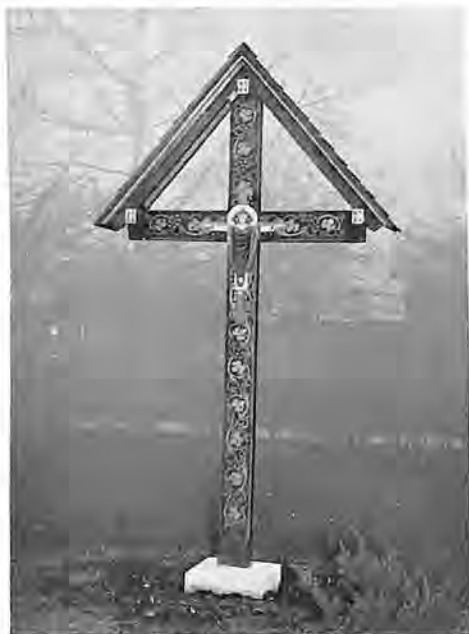
On the evening of June the 7th, at 8 o'clock, there will be a Mass

Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, for both clergy and laity. The Rev. Wilburn C. Campbell will present the Plan of Action and "What the Laity Can Do" will be discussed by Miss Helen V. Owen and Samuel S. Schmidt, who as Co-Chairman of the Commission in the Diocese of Harrisburg, have done an outstanding piece of work. Louis M. Washburn will make a short address, describing the practical work of his committee to Promote the Study of World Order. Bishop Hart will make the final address. The choir of St. Augustine's church will sing.

ST. GABRIEL'S VICTORY CROSS

The Victory Cross erected in the garden of St. Gabriel's Church is dedicated to the men and women who have gone from the congregation into the service of their country.

It is a typical wayside cross having two sides, one of which might



be called the prophetic side and bears the message "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES" upon a background of gold laurel leaves.

The opposite side, which faces the north, is the priestly side and portrays our Lord as the victorious Christ reigning from the cross in regal vestments.

The work was designed and executed by Mr. Valentine d'Ogries, of New Hope, an artist of high repute.

BISHOP HART'S ADDRESS

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consider the most important of all matters, the health of the soul, and the deputies should approach their work with a full realization of the times in which we live and a determination that no idle, frivolous or party words should mar their deliberations.

Bishop Hart and P. D. S.

While the Bishop of London is lamenting a shortage of scholars in the Church of England it is no hyperbole to say that the American Church is not only as unfortunate but even appears to be on the verge of intellectual bankruptcy. Scholars in American rectories are as rare as days in June, and just as welcome to bishops; while theologians are so scarce and it is so difficult to fill chairs in divinity schools with great authorities, that faculties often have to be content with B milk variety when they want the cream. We have taken much too literally St. Paul's observation, "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise," and we have neglected to produce "wise" as well as good ministers.

Of course we need saints first of all; but no one knew so well as St. Paul, a great theologian himself, that better even than saintliness alone is *saintliness with scholarship*, and that only men of deep learning as well as personal holiness are fit for leadership in the Church's warfare. It is this fact that makes Bishop Hart's efforts to strengthen our own Divinity School so important to every churchman in the Diocese. If our laymen only realized how vitally necessary to the future success of the Episcopal Church a learned ministry is—men of "sound learning," the Prayer Book calls them,—they would spend and be spent to help him in this very difficult problem which he has inherited.

And not only does the Divinity School need strengthening, but the parish clergy also need to be aroused

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In the Diocese

Trustees of Christ Church Hospital sold a plot of ground at Front and Market Streets to be used by Philadelphia Transportation Company. The lot had been held by the Trustees since 1769, by the will of the late Dr. John Kearsley.

Mr. Harry Hanum has become tenor soloist in the Choir of St. Martins-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, after several years of experience in St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia.

We have a church for the hard of hearing in our Diocese. The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling is the vicar. The work is carried on in the Parish House of Holy Trinity, where a chapel has been equipped with ear phones. A summer vacation period is arranged at the Holiday House, Sellersville, Pa., for the hard of hearing.

An illuminated cross in honor of Lt. G. Samuel Richardson, killed in action in the Southwest Pacific last November, was recently dedicated at the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th and Wharton Streets.

Mr. William M. Ware, Lay Reader in St. Matthew's Parish, regularly conducts services in the Old Men's Home, Rush Hospital, Pennsylvania Working Home for the Blind, Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Home.

A legacy of \$2,000 was awarded in Orphans' Court to St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, in a distribution of the estate of the late Mrs. Alethia A. Lawton, of Roxborough.

At St. Thomas' Church, White-marsh, members of the Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

plowed the snow from drives on the church property, helped to park cars on the grounds, served as ushers at services, and helped in many ways to stimulate the attendance of men at church.

A "Shrine of Our Lady" has been erected in St. Clement's Church. Each evening, immediately after Angelus at 6 o'clock, special petitions and thanksgivings are offered before the figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which has been appropriately called Our Lady of Clemency.

Miss Elmira Harris, of Charleston, West Virginia, has given St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia, one share of U. S. Steel 7% preferred stock. The income to be used to place flowers on the altar in memory of her mother.

On Palm Sunday Mr. George F. Wiese, Superintendent of Patterson School for Boys, Legerwood, N. C., was a missionary speaker at the Sunday School of All Saints' Church, Crescentville.

Miss Clara V. Stackhouse, of Ambler, is a member of the National Council of the Daughters of the King; Mrs. Charles H. Arndt, of St. Davids, is an honorary member; and Miss Helen Wier McHenry, of Germantown, is President of the Province of Washington.

An offering of ten dollars for the Sunday School Lenten Offering of St. Matthew's Sunday School was received from Julius Kelloz, a soldier on active duty in Sicily.

In Easter week a testimonial dinner was given at the Church of the Ascension, Parkesburg, in honor of Mrs. Marie H. Peace, who has served as organist for twenty-five years.

The Daughters of the American Revolution recently laid the cornerstone of a memorial tower to house the bells of the carillon at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge.

On Sunday, March 5th, the Rev. William T. Metz completed twenty-five years as Vicar of St. Gabriel's. The congregation presented him with a purse of money as an anniversary gift.

DIVINITY SCHOOL PLANS

The undergraduate school will continue under the New Plan of Theological Education, which was begun in 1937; this includes Clinical Training as a part of that plan, in the Department of Pastoral Theology.

Likewise the boards desire to continue the Department of Women in accordance with the existing agreement between them and the Board of the Church Training and Deaconess House.

A committee of the boards, consisting of the Rev. Dr. E. Frank Salmon, Chairman; Canon Ernest C. Earp, the Rev. James M. Collins, Dr. Owen J. Toland, and the Dean, is now at work considering the selection of a Professor of Systematic Divinity, who should begin his work at the opening of school in September, 1944.

Another committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. James M. Niblo, Chairman; the Rev. Dr. Leicester C. Lewis, the Rev. Chauncey E. Snowden, Mr. Rowland Evans, and the Dean, is now working on a revision of the constitution and by-laws and the reorganization of the boards into one single Board. The proposed revision will be available shortly and after consideration at a special meeting, will be acted upon finally at the annual meeting in June.

As soon as the new appointments to the faculty have been made the Graduate Department will resume its program under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Lewis.

The Bishop of the Diocese and the Executive Committee of the boards consider the present financial condition of the School to be the best since it was reopened in 1937. In that connection several bequests have been received recently as follows:

1. The Arkin Bequest of \$16,000, which has been added to the Endowment Fund.
2. The Heins Bequest to St. Andrew's Chapel of \$2,000.
3. The Baird Bequest, which should amount to approximately \$1,900.
4. The Fearon Bequest, subject to several life interests in an estate worth approximately \$1,600,000. The School's one-sixth interest should ultimately be worth about \$150,000.

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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S G. F. S.

The Girls' Friendly Society of St. John's Free Church, Emerald and Elkhart Streets, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary May 4th with a wonderfully successful and interesting dinner.

The dinner was prepared by the women of St. John's Guild and was served to one hundred and twenty-four women and girls by the men and boys of the parish. After the dinner the Diocesan President, Mrs. William C. Spiess, gave a most interesting address on the history of the G. F. S.; Miss Caroline Wagner described the Holiday House most attractively; Mrs. Hubert Foster spoke charmingly on "Why a Girl Should Join the G. F. S.," and Mrs. Wesley Deno, of St. John's, presented an unusually complete history of the branch.

After the addresses the five decades were portrayed in songs, dances and costumes.

The branch was started in the autumn of 1893 by the daughter of the then Rector, Rev. Mr. Kelly, who wrote a delightful letter because she could not be present. But one who joined the branch within three months of its beginning, Mrs. Horsfield, was present.

St. John's branch is known for its youth, with more than fifty candidates. Their activities, besides the regular G. F. S. program, include cooking, bowling, ping-pong and shuffle-board.

LEAGUE OF INTERCESSORS OF CHURCH LEAGUE FOR THE ISOLATED

IN THE CHURCH NEWS one of our Intercessors, a member of St. Mary's Chapel, 1831 Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia, has been mentioned a number of times.

The story was told of her letter enclosing a penny "hoping it will increase like little grains of sand, and help in some missionary work"; and how it did increase to quite a sum by the sale of match-boxes, and the proceeds given to the Home of St. Michael and All Angels for Colored Crippled Children. (I might say here, with appreciation, that the clergy at the meetings of the Con-

vocations were responsible for the purchase of many match-boxes.)

On April 15, 1943, Mary Charles Gibson died, and recently the League was informed that this aged colored woman had left twenty-five dollars to it, and other bequests to institutions and individuals, from her savings of a lifetime. Miss Henri Etta Kirch, the social worker at the Graduate Hospital, where she died, was her trusted friend and her executrix.

I wish that there were space to tell of my many visits to her, and of conversations, sometimes distressing, but always relieved by touches of her native humor.

LETITIA GLENN BIDDLE,
Honorary Chairman.

A bed-time prayer for a modern child,
by the Rt. Rev. Christopher M. Chavasse,
Bishop of Rochester, England:

"Bless the dear clinic which weighed me
with care,
And the nursery school teacher who
fine-combed my hair;
And the youth movement leaders so
careworn for me,
And my mother, God bless her, whom
never I see."

160th ANNUAL CONVENTION

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the Army Air Force speak at the noon hour on Tuesday about the work that they are doing among returned "casuals" and casualties in the air force. His interesting address concluded with some very practical suggestions to the Church on its own obligation to offer to these men, when they returned, an opportunity to lead the same sacrificial life as they have been used to leading high in the air over the enemy's lines. "These boys," said he, "are seeking vehicles for sacrifice, and the Church should not coddle them with cotton but present them with opportunities that will challenge all their powers." What an encouraging prospect the Colonel pictured, of young men refusing exemption from hardship, while demanding an opportunity to serve and to sacrifice for the extension of God's kingdom in all human relationships, and, above all, scornful of compromising in the cause of righteousness and justice.

Reports

Most of the reports of committees were presented by title, a procedure that greatly expedites business but

has the disadvantage of leaving the delegates in the dark about much of the most important work in the diocese. When one reads through the reports of the City Mission and of the various departments of the Executive Council, one cannot help but be deeply impressed by the variety and extent of the work being done in the diocese, and greatly expectant for the future of our Church. Scattered here and there among the gravel of figures and routine records in these reports we can discover many precious bits of pure gold in the incidental accounts of how much has been done for the poor, the lame and the blind by our faithful men and women. These good deeds are the things which make the Episcopal Church strong, but too often they remain unspoken by the living voice and hidden under cold type.

Rev. James M. Collins of the City Mission, in presenting his report, spoke briefly of the need for more interest in church institutions and of the desire of the City Mission to serve the parishes. He also called upon the boards of all our institutions—there are many in the diocese—to improve the quality of their work, instead of making good intentions an excuse for indifferent accomplishment.

Not many changes were made in the canons this year, but one measure of much importance, which had been rejected last year, was reintroduced by Dr. Hartshorne and passed. By this amendment the Standing Committee will be elected for five years instead of one as at present.

One of the signs of the times was a short address on Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. William H. Jeffries, Jr., on a resolution introduced by him condemning race prejudice, discrimination and segregation, especially in the case of negroes. It was interesting to see that it passed without much discussion or any opposition.

As usual the smoothness with which the Convention proceeded was due to the leadership of the Committee on Despatch of Business and its genial and efficient Chairman, Rev. Dr. Niblo. Bishop Hart, in his first experience as presiding officer, won the approval of everyone with his prompt, fair decisions; and last but not least the Rev. Albert Fischer and his assistants satisfied our appetites most delightfully.

Secretary's Notes

One of the outstanding actions of the Convention was the recognition of an increase in the salary minimum for rectors and vicars who are giving full time. The scale begins at \$1500 during the Diaconate and reaches \$2400 (with rectory) for the clergyman who has been in Priest's Orders for at least five years. Where there is no rectory an allowance heretofore has been made to a married man of \$300 towards rent. The Bishop brought this matter to the attention of the Convention in his annual address and Dean Niblo made the motion which was adopted without a dissenting voice.

Now is the time to appoint the chairman and committee for the Every Member Canvas. Too often a parish waits until October before making a selection of a chairman. Then he does not have time to study the parish or to organize his co-workers, with the result, an ineffective canvas.

St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, made an intensive study of its parish and work for the past ten years. The report is excellent in that it faced facts and made no exaggerated statement nor did it attempt to appraise spiritual values.

A Japanese Hostel has been opened at 3228 Chestnut Street. It is intended to serve as a stopping place for Japanese-Americans who have come to this community to find work and to re-establish themselves. The Social Relations Group of the Woman's Auxiliary is contributing money and leadership to this enterprise.

The Rev. Dr. Henry H. Trotter, of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Tioga, is the new President of the Federation of Churches.

U. S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, 1216 Widener Building, Philadelphia, reports as follows:

General Order No. 26 amended.

(a) Organizations established as non-profit community chest funds, foundations, or cemetery companies, and organizations operated without

profit and exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, which have been exempted from the payment of income and social security taxes (including non-profit organizations which maintain and operate hospitals), shall be exempt from the necessity of filing applications for approval of wage and salary adjustments of their employees within the jurisdiction of the National War Labor Board.

(b) Such organizations will, nevertheless, be expected to observe and abide by the national wage and salary stabilization policy in making any adjustments in the wages or salaries of their employees.

The Secretary of Convention wishes to correct an error in the report of the ballot of the Corporation for Christian Work in Educational Institutions. The Reverend Dr. Franklin Joiner was elected by both orders. Dr. Polk was elected by the Parish vote, but not by the clergy and therefore he did not receive a concurrent vote.

The Bishop has appointed Mr. Lewis Lukens as First Vice-Chairman of the War Commission, and the Rev. Mr. Blatz, Rector of St. Peter's, Philadelphia, as Executive Vice-Chairman. The Rev. Mr. Langan, Rector of St. Peter's, Phoenixville, is Secretary of the Commission, succeeding the Rev. Mr. Kroman. Mr. James R. Hughes, Treasurer, succeeding Mr. Beecher. Bishop Hart will continue as Chairman.

During the summer the expenses of the Diocese and salaries of missionaries must be met. The Treasurers and Accounting Wardens have been very faithful in forwarding funds each month to the Diocesan office, and it is hoped that they will keep up the good record during the coming months.

Lay Readers willing to supply during the summer, if a need arises, are asked to notify the Secretary of the Diocese, Reverend Charles H. Long, when they are free to assist.

To be ordained to the Diaconate, Grace Church, Mt. Airy, June 3, 1944: Edward Daley, Kenneth C. Morris, Craig E. Eder, Ronald A.

Wiley, Charles Homer Hanby, Raymond A. Gill.

To the Priesthood: Rev. Vernon Matthews, Rev. Melvin M. Heckler.

To be ordained to the Diaconate, St. Mary's, Wayne, June 4, 1944: Eugene E. Botelho.

Appointments for Bishop Roberts are to be made through the Secretary's office.

With the advice and consent of the Standing Committee Bishop Hart has engaged the Rt. Rev. William Payne Roberts, Missionary Bishop of Shanghai, China, to assist him for a year beginning September 1st. Bishop Roberts will not have any administrative duties but will be available primarily for confirmations and parish meetings.

Deaconess Stewart at the Leamy Home is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Deaconesses of the New York Training School, St. Faith's House, Cathedral Close, New York City.

There is no issue of THE CHURCH NEWS during the summer. The next number will appear the first of October, and the office of THE CHURCH NEWS will appreciate receiving material for the October issue not later than September 12th.

Often times we accept the labors of others without a word of appreciation. The Rev. Mr. Copeland has been Editor-in-Chief of THE CHURCH NEWS for many years, and Bishop Hart has asked him to continue in that office. The Diocese and the friends of THE CHURCH NEWS extends best wishes and appreciation to Mr. Copeland. Another of the clergy, the Rev. Mr. Paynter has contributed to THE CHURCH NEWS through the column, "In the Diocese." This too has been appreciated by the readers. There is much work for the Business Manager in preparing the magazine for publication and in securing advertisements. THE CHURCH NEWS receives many suggestions and requests for a larger magazine and Mrs. Deakyne has the responsibility of keeping the cost within the estimated figure for each issue and so without her careful watching the magazine would not be able to operate within its budget.

Woman's Auxiliary

President's Message

"Wars beget wars because man fails the soldier."

(Archbishop Spellman.)

Could we organize for Christianity as we do for war—were we willing to make the same sacrifice in times of peace, we would not fail. The greatest test of all times is at hand.

PRAY—A very worth while suggestion has been made by a Congregationalist—that we shall say three times a day "Father, Thy Kingdom come through me," seven words, and that each one get seven others to do likewise.

STUDY—Study to prepare ourselves to help bring about the just and lasting peace, and help the adjustment of the returning service men. A leaflet recommended by Bishop Hart, with some helpful suggestions, is available to everyone at the Bishop's office.

Supporting the work of the War Commission is our privilege and must be continued during the summer. Do you know that all Chaplains are trained to give the last rites to every denomination—Roman Catholics, Protestants, Jews?

Don't forget the two Summer Conferences; no experience is more helpful.

Also find out how you can help in your church and vacation schools and in the prevention of juvenile delinquency in your community.

This sounds like a full-time job but we can do it if we take time to rest apart and renew our minds and bodies by communion with God.

MARGARET PACKARD.

Woman's Interdenominational Union

The Woman's Interdenominational Union of Philadelphia and Vicinity, Inc., 1505 Race Street, is the local fellowship through which Christian women of all churches can unite for common projects touching the life of the Church and the welfare of the community.

It is related to the Philadelphia Federation of Churches and it is an affiliate of the United Council of Churchwomen.

By action of its General Convention, the Protestant Episcopal Church has become a member of

the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. In 1943, the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, the Presiding Bishop, was elected President of the Federal Council.

Episcopal Church women welcome the opportunity in Philadelphia for an unfettered comradeship in Christ in their prayer, their study and their work.

The activities of the Union are many. The fall season opens with an Annual Educational Institute, scheduled in 1944, for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 26th, 27th and 28th of September. This offers a well planned program for leaders of missionary education in local parishes.

World Community Day is observed on the 11th of November, when the women of every section of this country will come together to study "The Price of an Enduring Peace."

The Union plans for the observance of the World Day of Prayer, which falls on the first Friday in Lent. An Annual Institute on Family Relations is held. Community Mothers' Councils and Daily Vacation Bible Schools are conducted and assistance given to local agencies.

The necessity of a united front among Christian forces stands out more clearly than ever in this day of radical attacks upon Christianity in the totalitarian state and of much falling away from our Christian heritage even in America. As Bishop Brent said, "The world is too strong for a divided church."

"When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place . . . and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:1, 4.)

SARAH MCCREA CHAPMAN.

THE MISSION SHOP

In 1943 the Mission Shop ordered 1500 Church Kalendars and was unable to supply the demand. In 1944 the Shop ordered 2000 Kalendars and has been left with a deficit. For 1945 we are only going to order as many as are needed to fill the requests, as we cannot take the risk again. If you want any Kalendars please get your orders in to Mrs. Peyton Biddle, R. F. D. 2, Media, Pa., before September 1st.

We know that our stock of mis-

sion goods is low, but we are keeping open against the day when we are needed again by the missions, in order to keep the valuable contacts that we have made. We are looking to you for your support in the difficult time through which we are all passing.

MR. MERYWEATHER INVITED BY F. B. I.

The Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather, Executive Director of the Crime Prevention Association of Philadelphia, was recently invited by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to deliver two lectures at the National Police Academy maintained by the F. B. I. in Washington. One lecture had to do with the Church and the juvenile while the other covered the various crime prevention techniques now being used by police and private agencies as the result of past experience in this field.

The National Police Academy is composed of some 80 police officers from all parts of the country, most of whom are police executives, who come to Washington for a three-months intensive course of instruction under the leadership of the F. B. I. Mr. Meryweather was one of the first persons chosen to lecture on these subjects.

An Open Letter

TO A CERTAIN RECTOR AND CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE:

If you have an unfulfilled desire for music that will enhance the beauty and effectiveness of your service this letter is written to you.

Would you like to have an organist who regards his instrument as one of worship, and not one of performance? One who believes that church music should be reverent, spiritual, and helpful?

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War Commission Notes

Chaplains Urgently Needed

In February the Army asked for 74 more Episcopal Chaplains in addition to the 300 already on duty, while the Navy is still taking our clergy at the rate of about four or five every month. The need is urgent, the more so because some other communions are not meeting their quota. This diocese should send more chaplains, for in proportion to its size we have not as good a record as some other dioceses in the Church.

Draftee Identification Cards

Do our clergy know that they can get identification cards from the Diocesan War Commission for their parishioners entering the service? If one of these cards is given to each boy when he leaves his parish church and he presents it to the Episcopal chaplain at his training camp—or to any chaplain—he will be sure of receiving the ministrations of the Church. To make doubly sure, his Rector should also forward his name to the Episcopal chaplain or the Post chaplain. Nothing should be left undone to help the Chaplains in the difficult business of finding, amid the thousands of new arrivals at camp, those of our own communion in whom they are especially interested.

Cheer Them Up

"Bishop Sherril's experience in the Aleutian Islands makes it quite clear that depressing letters from home are one of the greatest sources of discouragement to our men and women in the service," says Dr. Washburn, of the Army and Navy Commission, who asks THE CHURCH NEWS to pass this information along to the clergy, who will in turn urge their congregations to write as cheerfully as possible.

There are people like Robert Burns' old uncle, of whom the poet wrote that "his greatest enjoyment was to sit down and cry while my mother sang 'Man was made to mourn'." They shouldn't write at all; but most of us can forget for a moment our own troubles, and can write cheerfully. If we haven't a light touch, we can at least clip a few jokes and funny pictures out of the local papers and send them. Cheer them up; they need your letters.

A CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Robert N. Stretch, of this Diocese, is Chaplain of a combat organization in training at Camp Lejeune, the great new Marine Corps base in North Carolina. There are nearly 1400 officers and men in his "parish." As Chaplain, recreation officer, War Bond officer, librarian and in sundry other capacities he lives and works and plays with them. A hut is his office and living quarters. Here men come with their troubles, their wedding plans, requests for a football or a magazine, or just to talk. A few yards away is the Sick Bay; here, as in the Field Hospital and the Naval Hospital across the river, he visits the sick.

During January and February he spent the week-ends at Onslow Beach, some twenty miles away, where two large groups were camped. Services were held in mess tents and a recreation hall built by the men. Attendance was good and singing hearty, though unaccompanied.

In Chaplain Stretch's equipment is a communion kit provided by Mr. Reed A. Morgan for Robert J. McFetridge, Chaplain of the Second Pennsylvania Field Artillery during the last war; also a silver pyx given by the students and faculty of the Divinity School, and Church literature sent by the Diocesan War Commission and paid for by Mrs. George Woodward.

ST. STEPHEN'S SERVICE CLUB

On April 12th, St. Stephen's Service Club on 10th Street, between Market and Chestnut, celebrated its first full year of operation. To mark this occasion, special guests were invited, along with those who have contributed throughout the year to the Club's success. Mrs. B. Blair Lee called on Bishop Hart, who made a brief welcoming address to those present, and then cut the huge birthday cake while the Philadelphia Navy String Band played "Happy Birthday to You." Bishop Hart related several amusing incidents he had while a Chaplain at Fort Dix, and then congratulated the men and women who have done such a splendid job at St. Stephen's Club during the past year.

Attendance has been increasing steadily, month after month. In April alone, approximately 4000 servicemen visited the Club. The Sunday night suppers still remain as popular as ever, and it is encouraging to note that week-day attendance is running over 100 nightly. This is far above the average for most of the servicemen's clubs and canteens in Philadelphia.

Beginning the first Sunday in June, picnic suppers will be held each Sunday on the roof, where hot dogs and hamburgers can be cooked on a portable grill. Volunteer helpers are always welcome. For information, contact Mrs. Nelson, hostess.



Rev. John K. Shryock cutting birthday cake at the Open House Celebration of St. Stephen's Club's first anniversary on April 12th. Peggy Marsh (center), Chairman of Entertainment at the Club, is smiling her approval of portions.

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In order to do something for our poor, frightened Episcopal communicants the Elizabeth Price Martin League began the "All Souls' Burial Fund" last fall, with Mrs. Walter Willard as Treasurer. Her address is 40 Carpenter Lane, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia 19, Pa.

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Mrs. John H. Neill, of the Divinity School, has made arrangements with a local undertaker to bury a patient from our Hospital Chapel, at Mount Moriah, for the nominal sum of \$45.00. Members of the League provide any necessary clothing—and there are always representatives from the League at the service, as they have become attached to patients whom they have visited for years perhaps.

Please give this appeal some consideration, and help us, if you can. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done unto Me."

MATILDA P. FOX.

50th Anniversary

Vicar, THE REV. JOHN R. LOGAN, D.D.

From June 18th to June 25th the Chapel of St. Simon the Cyrenian will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Its work began on Sunday, June 24, 1894, in a small rented house at the southwest corner of Dorrance and Ellsworth Streets, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Henry L. Phillips. A small frame chapel was built in 1897 at a cost of \$5000. In this building was carried on the services of the church.

In 1906 a very commodious Parish building was built by the combined efforts of the Sunday Schools of the Parish of the Holy Apostles.

In 1914 a beautiful church building was built, which was consecrated by Bishop Rhinelander. From the small membership of the communicants of the Church of the Crucifixion, the church membership is now 1195.

Under the leadership of the Rev.

Dr. Henry L. Phillips, several Divinity students assisted in carrying on the work, and in its earliest years it was served by the late Rev. S. D. Phillips.

In 1903, when the work was taken over as a Chapel of the Holy Apostles, the Rev. Richard N. Thomas, a brother of the late George C. Thomas, was appointed vicar in charge. He was assisted by the Rev. Thomas G. Brown, and upon the death of the Rev. Mr. Thomas, the Rev. Mr. Brown was placed in charge, and served as such until February, 1909.

In May, 1909, the present vicar, the Rev. John R. Logan, D.D., was called to take charge of the work, and is still serving as its vicar. During these years there have been over 2300 baptisms, 2000 confirmations, and a steady growth in membership and financial strength. St. Simon has sent three young men into the sacred ministry, two of whom are the sons of the present vicar.

St. Simon has reached the stage where, under its present set-up, it could ask for release, to become an independent, strong, self-supporting parish in the Diocese.

DEACONESS JOHNSON LEAVES CITY MISSION

Deaconess Ruth Johnson of the staff of the City Mission has resigned her position to become Head Deaconess of the New York Training School for Deaconesses (St. Faith's House on the Cathedral Close, New York), which will reopen in October. Deaconess Johnson joined the staff of the City Mission in 1939, and was assigned to continue on the work at Sleighton Farm School for Girls, which had been carried on previously by Deaconess Ward and Deaconess Mills. The latter will return to Sleighton Farm to take Deaconess Johnson's place.

The City Mission feels honored by the selection of Deaconess Johnson to undertake important work in New York, but suffers a real loss in her departure for she had done excellent work in meeting the challenging opportunity to our Church's representatives at Sleighton Farm.

J. C.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

We are all familiar with the word "SHARE." Today more than ever we must *share* our magazines and periodicals, particularly on account of the scarcity of paper. Some of us will be taking a holiday, which might prove to be a "busman's" holiday; in any event, let us forward our reading matter every month, just as if we were home, near our own postoffice where we are familiar with the postal rates, from here to all corners of the world. Those of us who are already sharing our magazines and books know that to those on the Mission field these periodicals portray "the light of Christ's glory—in the dark places of the earth." Their holidays are often deferred and reading a good book helps keep up their morale till their reservations are assured. Let us remember the Church Periodical Club is not "a one-woman concern." Men and women are needed to help in this work if we are to interrupt our Church Periodical Club Prayer, we know its benefits, let us know no limitations in making the work in our Diocese outstanding all year round.

Our Smallest Mission

By A. J. COUNTY

This is written on March 5, 1944, the second Sunday in Lent—when a heavy mantle of snow beautifully covers the roads, hills and dells, and the Village of Newtown Square might be used as a picture on an old time Christmas card. However,

at each of the Holy Communion Services we can be sure that one-half of that number will attend. On Easter Day service in 1943 sixty-one persons communed. But where is Saint Alban's Chapel actually located? It is located on two acres on



it is a real test for a country mission church in the fields, located some distance from our homes, and with gas rationing in effect, and automobiles a luxury. But, weather notwithstanding, about 25 per cent of the total congregation is present before the church hour.

Our chapel is one of the remaining wooden buildings, generously provided many years ago, by the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, holding about seventy persons comfortably. It has all the vital necessities, but no luxuries; being heated by two stoves, it is always comfortable, with no water or steam pipes to burst, and generally is economical to maintain. We hope the Society as well as the Diocese will feel that as 1557 persons worshipped here in 1943, with only one service on Sunday and on the chief Holy Days, this countryside chapel is performing a worthwhile service. We report a congregation of 57 persons, although we minister to many others if we get a chance, but we count them as visitors. Most of the congregation are adults and so we have 50 communicants. That is where the Rector's influence counts; and

Bishop Hollow Road, a couple of thousand feet south of West Chester Pike, so there is plenty of room for expansion.

Like its Mother Church, Old St. David's, it seems destined to have its place for many years near the Village, surrounded by sunlit farms and meadows, and streams and woods, where the birds sing and children can play, and well-fed horses and cattle are close by. The land and Chapel represent an investment of \$5000. It has no debts, lives within its income; pays its proportionate share promptly for the Diocesan and General Church program; one-fourth of its current offerings are used for such program and other welfare purposes, not forgetting the Episcopal Hospital, so that our missionary spirit will not be submerged.

The Rector of Old Saint David's is our volunteer leader, guide and friend, who visits our sick and brings the consolations of the Church and Gospel to them. The Vestry of his parish and their friends provided the funds for the land on which the Chapel is located. Organization—no Vestry—but, instead, there is a Chapel Guild, where social and religious questions

can be discussed with great informality, as meetings are held in each others' homes, and all parishioners can be members. We are a very small united village Chapel whose motto is "Workers Together With God."

So far very few city dwellers have changed to Newtown Square, so we must hold our place, as the nearest Episcopal churches are five or more miles away, and work for a permanent church building with facilities for a church school and other activities. In 1943 we had five persons confirmed by the Bishop in the Mother Church—Old St. David's.

We are not resting on our oars as to a future new church, as we have a Building and Improvement Fund of \$20,000, so that when we ask consent of the Bishop to build, we will not go empty-handed. After the war we would like to see at least a new chancel constructed, and on the lower floor accommodations for a church school, choir and class rooms. And who can blame us if we have the polite and practical hope of helping some of the noble fathers, mothers, sons or daughters of the Episcopal Church, residing inside or outside of the Chapel territory, to reduce their taxes by making us and the Diocese a memorial gift, or gifts, to hasten the day when Saint Alban's will have a permanent Episcopal Church, free of debt then, as the Chapel is now. We have sufficient faith and courage to work, and pray, and give for that Day.

VALLEY FORGE CONFERENCE JUNE 25th TO JULY 1st

The tenth annual Valley Forge Conference for Young People, ages 14 to 28 years, will be held at the Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa., beginning Sunday afternoon, June 25th, and closing Saturday morning, July 1st. The cost of the conference will be \$17.00 for the week, \$2.00 of which is to be sent with the registration to the Director, the Rev. William P. S. Lander, Rosemont, Pa., by June 15th.

The Rev. Gordon B. Wadhams will be the Chaplain this year; the Rev. Reginald Mallett, Dean; the Rev. James L. Whitcomb, in charge of recreation; Brother Herbert, O. H. C., Boys' Counsellor, and Miss Caroline R. Irwin, Girls' Counsellor.

A Tour With the Archbishop

By THE REV. JOHN CRAIG ROAK

During the visit of the Rt. Rev. Cyril Garbett, D.D., Archbishop of York, Primate and Metropolitan of England, to this Diocese, a tour of some of the historic sites of Philadelphia was made. Mr. Samuel Houston, Judge Frank Burch and I had the pleasure of escorting this very delightful English gentleman in a car which Mayor Samuel had very kindly put at our disposal.

When we reached Gloria Dei, I presented to His Grace my sexton, Mr. Daniel German, who has met every Archbishop of the Church of England who has visited Philadelphia. The Archbishop turned to his chaplain and said, "Then this man met your father in 1904 when he served as chaplain to Archbishop

Davidson when he toured Philadelphia with Bishop Mackay Smith, then Bishop-Coadjutor of Pennsylvania."

Upon entering the church, he paused and raised his hands and said, "How I love the old white churches."

He was deeply interested in the simple plain white frontal calling the attention of the chaplain especially to it. In the vestry he was pleased to find an autographed photograph of his predecessor, the former Archbishop of York and Canterbury, the Rt. Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, D.D., who had toured the "old citie" with Bishop Rhinelander in 1918. As he left Gloria Dei, Dr. Garbett autographed his own pho-

tograph standing by his Irish setter, "Bracken," which appeared on the cover of a recent issue of *Forth*.

As we motored past the former Church of the Redeemer at Front and Queen Streets, where Judge Burch's father was the last rector, I asked His Grace if "Fling Out the Banner" appears in any of the English hymnals. He said that it does. I explained to him that the old floating Church of the Redeemer, from which this church received its name, was floating past Bishop Doan's home up the Delaware at Burlington with the church flag flying from the stern. Bishop Doan, seeing it waving in the breeze, was inspired to write the hymn.

As we sped towards Christ Church we skirted the square in which St. Peter's Church is situated and enjoyed a splendid view of the charming old church. We were greeted at Christ Church by the Rector and members of the vestry. Mr. Kroman, the Rector, explained many things of interest in the church and in the Tower Room, where is kept the old prayer book in which prayers for His Majesty are crossed out. In the Washburn House, some of the Queen Anne silver and old parchments were on display.

A peal was rung on the bells as we left for Independence Hall. Here we were greeted by a battery of photographers who took many pictures of the Archbishop and Judge Burch beside the Liberty Bell. His Grace sat in the "signers' chair" to register.

Time was pressing, therefore we motored past Carpenter's Hall, where Dr. Duché in Revolutionary times opened the First Continental Congress with prayer. As we drove west on Walnut Street, the Archbishop had an opportunity to catch a fleeting glimpse of Independence Hall beautifully ensconced in spring foliage.

REPORT OF EPISCOPAL DAY FOR THE BLIND

Owing to the very generous donations from the parishes, the effort of the workers on Episcopal Day, and those present that day, we wish to report what a very successful day it was. Eight hundred and forty-eight luncheons were served, and the total amount of money received up to date is \$1,030.03.

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Boiling General Wayne

By J. E. REED

All true lovers of gruesome mysteries will enjoy this graphic account of how Anthony Wayne's bones were separated from the flesh so that they could be buried in Old St. David's Churchyard, written by J. E. Reed, of the Erie Historical Society:

"On December 15, 1796, General Anthony Wayne, while traveling from his successful campaign of Fallen Timbers to his home, near Philadelphia, was attacked with a severe case of gout, and the captain of the vessel landed him at Presque Isle, he being unable to proceed further. He was cared for in the only quarters available at the Presque Isle Post, where the second story of the blockhouse was used as sleeping quarters by him. However, he grew rapidly worse, and realizing that death was near, he directed how and where he was to be buried, and his wishes were faithfully carried out. Two days after his death, his remains were

placed in a plain board casket, with his uniform and boots on, and he was buried at the foot of the flag-staff of the blockhouse. Upon the top of the coffin was inscribed: 'A. W., O. B. December 15, 1796' with round-headed brass tacks driven into its wood.

"It is said that his body rested in the frontier grave until the spring of 1809, when his son, Colonel Isaac Wayne, came to Erie with horse and sulky to have his father's remains lifted, taken home and re-buried in the old family lot at St. David's, Radnor. Arriving at Erie, he engaged Dr. J. C. Wallace, an old friend of his father, to manage the entire matter of disinterment, preparation of the remains for transportation and such other matters as would be necessary, stating that he did not care to be present to witness the work.

"Upon opening the grave, Dr. Wallace was astonished to find the body in a most remarkable state of

preservation, having been transformed into other more permanent elements, excepting one foot and one leg which had suffered the usual process. Most of the clothing and that one boot had almost disappeared. Dr. Wallace, meeting this unexpected situation, endeavored to secure the bones, which were all that had been expected to be found and removed, but found it very hard to secure them separately, and found the remains were altogether too bulky for the means of transportation then available. He cast about for a method to make the errand of the son possible, without consulting him, and surgeon-like, separated the body into convenient sections, and being unable to separate the flesh readily, obtained a large iron kettle, and placed those sections in it, when he found the transformed flesh to be readily separated from the bones. They were then cleaned, placed in a casket of such a size as would enable the son to convey them to St. David's, and the flesh and other articles found in the grave were again placed in the tomb and covered up."

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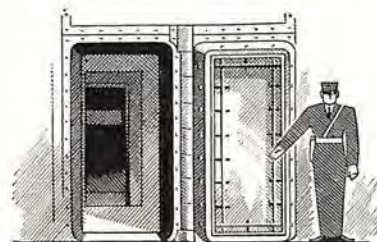
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SPENCER ERVIN'S ARTICLE

In *The Living Church* for April 16th there is a very able and arresting article by Mr. Spencer Ervin, one of our most prominent laymen, on "Diocesan Problems of Today." It is impossible to do justice to his argument in this space—everyone should read it for himself,—but Mr. Ervin is greatly concerned over the inability of the average diocese "to support and maintain an adequate episcopal and diocesan staff." He points out how "dependence upon volunteers has greatly retarded progress," although admitting that there is a large place for volunteers in the field of consultation, not administration. His preference is for professional heads, especially in the four fields of promotion and publicity, finance, education, and social-service, and for a stronger, central, diocesan government with less absolute independence for parishes and institutions.

As an example of that need he says that our charitable enterprises "are able to resist diocesan demands for modernization of their financial practices, administration and social-service, and that, while the secular world ridicules the Church's social-service standard, self-satisfied boards of Church institutions meet to perpetuate Victorian practices."

The remedy proposed for this serious condition is fourfold. First and foremost, the raising of an endowment adequate to pay for a permanent professional staff; second, the appointment of a small executive committee to oversee these professional heads of departments, and, along with the Bishop, to formulate their policy; third, a thorough survey of the diocese to explore its needs and possibilities,—a subject on which he dwells at length; and fourth, securing from the State religious home rule for the diocese, because "the extreme independence enjoyed by parishes under secular charters cannot continue if the Church is to survive."

Although Mr. Ervin is writing about every diocese in the Church, the question for us is, How far are his criticisms applicable to our own diocese? Are we in the condition described, and do we need the remedies suggested?

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to the necessity of reading theology daily. A physician said of his own profession that, after doctors begin to practice, the majority of them

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Following the Festival Service in the church, the usual exhibition of work entered in the contest sponsored by the Senior Members' Club was shown in the parish house and prizes awarded.

What is hoped will be one of the most inspirational of G. F. S. Conferences will be held amid the pleasant surroundings of the Cape May Holiday House, during the week-end of June 16th-18th. Not only G. F. S. leaders, but anyone interested in work with young people, will receive fresh viewpoints and an abundance of new ideas by attending this group meeting based on the theme, "Looking Backward, Looking Forward, Looking Upward." Mrs. James C. Charlton, President of Christ Church and St. Michael's Branch, Germantown, will be Chairman, and included among interesting speakers will be Rev. William R. Jeffries, Chaplain at the Episcopal Academy, and Mrs. Helen G. Hogg, Executive Secretary of the National Girls' Friendly Society.

For detailed information or reservations, contact the Chairman, Mrs. James C. Charlton, 108 E. Walnut Lane, Germantown 6712.

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